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City of Salisbury Announces River Pump Station Fully Operational

Level II Conservation Efforts Discontinued

Salisbury, NC_January 12, 2009 – The City of Salisbury has issued an update as of 10:30 am today, regarding the discontinuance of Level Two Mandatory Water Conservation measures initiated late last week. The Salisbury Rowan Utilities (SRU) pump station is now fully operational with the water system currently operating under normal conditions. Conservation measures were initiated in response to electrical damage which occurred to a Duke Energy transformer at the pump station on Wednesday of last week, when heavy winds tore through the Salisbury-Rowan region.

At approximately 10:45 pm last night, SRU was able to start-up the river pump station on full electrical power. The pump station ran without issue throughout the night. SRU Director Jim Behmer notes, "We plan to keep the emergency diesel pumps onsite for several days in the event any unforeseen electrical issues arise. We are currently operating at normal conditions and are in the process of contacting our South Rowan client communities to notify them that they are now able to increase their demand back to 670,000 gallons per day (gpd)." Behmer shares that the SRU large reservoir is currently at 24-feet which represents approximately 18-20 million gallons of raw water storage. Continuing Behmer states, "We would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the Town of China Grove, City of Kannapolis, and the Town of Landis, for their quick response to our request for water conservation. In addition, SRU offers their appreciation to Randy Welch, Bill Hall, and the Duke Energy Response team for their assistance and cooperation. We are also extremely grateful to our city employees for their strong support."

City Manager David Treme shares, "With the assistance of our citizens' and their dedicated conservation efforts, we were able to maintain our reservoir level throughout this emergency and meet our system's daily demand for water. We continue to thank our customers for conserving water. In addition, the Statesville Emergency Interconnection was essential to our success during this time."

Additional photographs are currently being posted online. These should be available to the media by mid-day today. Photos are accessible at www.salisburync.gov and by clicking the linking entitled "Pump Station Photos."

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities currently serves residential and business customers in the cities of Rockwell, Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer, and Granite Quarry with additional

water supply support to other local client communities.

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